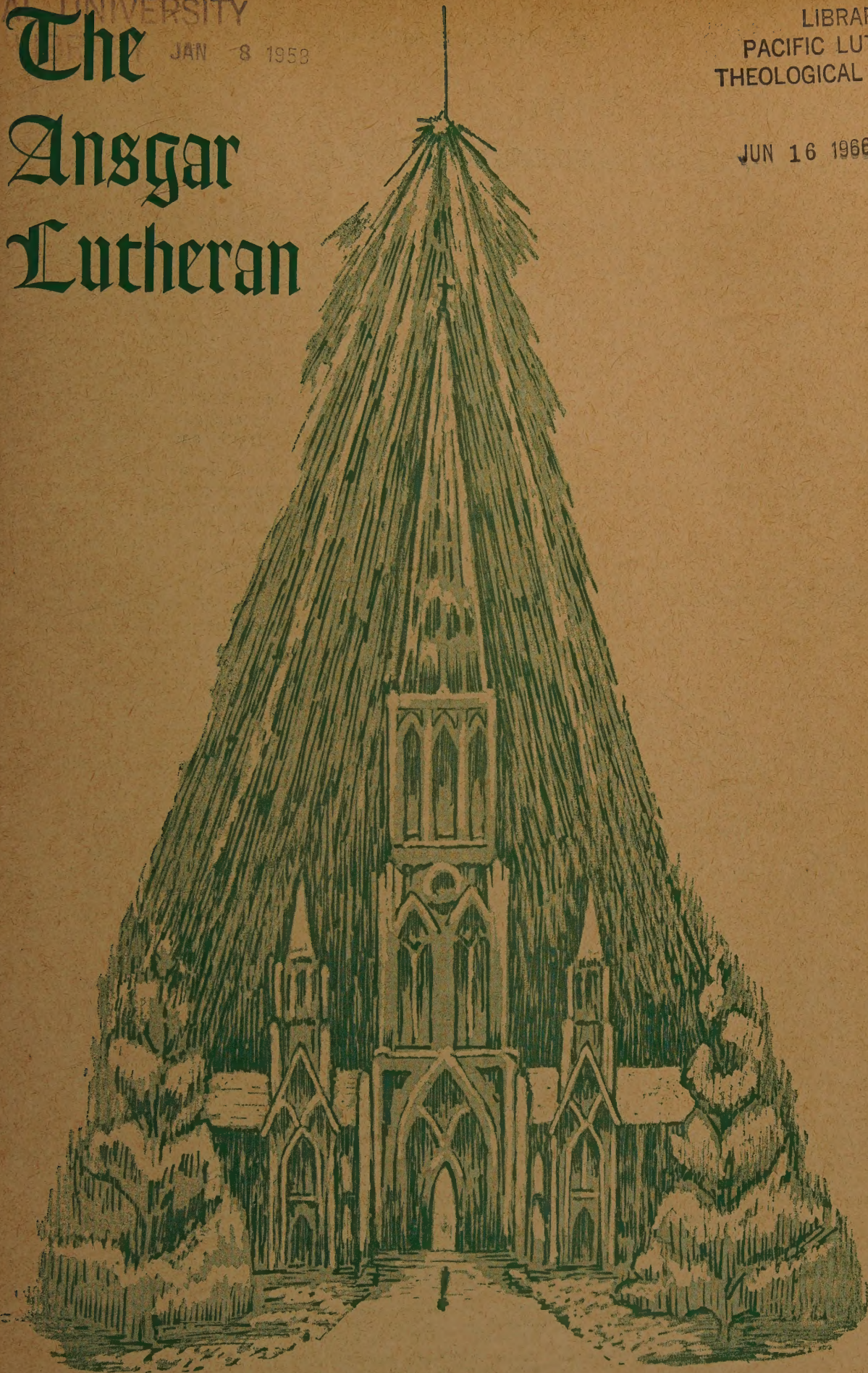


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A star, a cross, a cathedral, and the trees spoke to me—

God was present everywhere.

Heaven and earth joined voices in singing,

"On earth peace, good will toward men."

News and Notes

At all times disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ have the solemn duty and privilege to witness to the mercy and salvation in Him who was born in the manger. During the Christmas season this year we are given another opportunity to declare to our fellow men the purpose of God's incarnation in the person of Jesus. The unchristian world always seems to be able to exploit and evade the event of the birth of the Christ-child. Our love for Him is best expressed in rejoicing together in His birth and declaring to our neighbors and to the world that "every knee should bow and confess that He is Lord." Greetings in the name of Him whom we worship in our homes, congregations, and communities.

William Larsen



GOOD CHURCH NEWS

The angels began the job of telling the news of Christ. Later on the Apostles took up the work. One of the most interesting books in the Bible is the Acts of the Apostles. They tell of the great things Christ did in the churches.

Our News and Notes page is a continuation of Luke's Acts of the Apostles in the congregations of the U.E.-L.C. All church news is written that we may rejoice with one another about the work of God in our churches. The Book of Acts as well as the Epistles also tell the story of the

difficulties in the churches so that they could pray for one another. This part of the news we generally avoid today, and perhaps rightly so. We know that the work of God does not always have smooth sailing.

We wish to take this opportunity to greet our correspondents. We say from the bottom of our heart: Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all readers!

You may help your editor to get a Happy New Year, if you faithfully send him the news from your congregations.

MINDEN, NEBR. TO GET NEW CHURCH

During the past four years the Bethany Lutheran Church in Minden, Nebraska, has been working on plans for a new church. The first part of this plan was to gather funds for building. This began in January, 1951. In the summer of 1955 a new parsonage was built and plans were drawn for the new church unit. During the past few months plans were completed and contracts let for the completion of the church and educational unit.

On Sunday afternoon December 11 the congregation gathered on the new location where the church will be built and ground breaking ceremonies were held. Pastor Walter Kirkegaard had charge of the program. He spoke briefly and took the first three spadefuls of earth in the name of the Father and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. He was followed by the following who likewise took three spadefuls of earth, namely Pastors Ervin Dolmeier, A Hofgaard, Immanuel Petersen, and the church council members. At the close of the ceremonies everyone was invited to the old church for a cup of coffee.

The Fast Construction Co. of Hastings was given the contract for the general construction; Anderson Brothers of Kearney received the contract for the plumbing and heating; Tommy Electric of Minden received the contract for the electrical work.

Mr. Fast and his two sons and their families were present at the ground breaking ceremonies and they stated that work could not begin before after Christmas as steel, brick and other material had to be ordered.

We hope to have the church finished by next fall. The fiftieth anniversary of the congregation occurs in February and this anniversary will probably be celebrated in connection with the dedication of the new church. Total cost of the church will be close to \$100,000.

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Christmas in the Fear of Satellites

By the Editor

This is the first Christmas we celebrate with man-made satellites circling above us. Let us go back to December 7, 1945. That was when we exploded the first atomic bomb over Japan. But these achievements will be by-passed by greater ones. We have begun to explore space. What may happen no one knows. We know that the insecurity of the last decades will be any less in the future.

In this writing we Americans are trying to send our first satellite into the air.

Even though our satellite, when it is launched, may be as well as the Russian, it will not decrease our feeling of fear. For let us state it plainly, we are scared. The generation is scared. The Russians are scared, the Americans are scared. The whole world lives in a state of fright.

We are not prepared for this exploration of space. The world has seen many changes. But each change has taken at least so much time that we could adjust ourselves to the change. When America was discovered, it was found that a whole new continent became available for settlement. But it took centuries to settle this continent. Changes of transportation from horse to railroad, from stagecoach to car to airplane took time. We gradually got used to it, but the adjustment to the outer space will not be so easy.

At this Christmas we shall be reading about the statesmen meeting in Europe. They do not meet in December for the mere fun of getting together. They are concerned. It is of very little importance who has the first satellite. We may cheer like a football team that has made a touchdown, but that does not give security.

Before man sought to get into space. When man attempted to build the Tower of Babel he thought he would be able to lay hold on God, dominate the universe. But confusion was the result. We do not know much about the state of the world at that time. Doubt the people of the time had made great progress but they failed in spite of their progress.

Lincoln is sure that nothing in this world makes the extinction in war inevitable. The sputniks seem to have his point.

We may have the experience of the people of the Tower of Babel.

Our pioneer forefathers also had insecurity. They did not know of a high standard of living. They had to be content with what they might store in the fall, and they might hunt or catch during the winter. The Indians were not too friendly. But our forefathers at least stand under cover in their loghouses and away from their enemies. It is not so now. We are help-

less, the Russians are helpless. We are all helpless.

Yet we are celebrating Christmas. There came a message from the sky, the poet sings. There came an angel to the frightened shepherds and said "Fear not."

We tend to forget that the earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof. We may be able to travel to the moon, but this does not change God. God is still God. We may still say, I believe in God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Christmas comes and gives visible proof of this faith. God has given us his Son. The Child in the manger is God's answer to our fears. This Son later broke through death and hell.

Dr. Selman Waksman, Nobel prize winner, wrote in an article just before Christmas that any belief in life after death is in disagreement with all the accumulated wisdom and knowledge of modern biology.

But our faith is not built on biology or philosophy. It is built on the fact that God has spoken, spoken through his Son.

Life may be complicated, and we shall not try to oversimplify it. But the fact is that without this message on the fields of Bethlehem, even Dr. Waksman's discovery of streptomycin is of no help. Streptomycin might help to cure a bodily illness and prolong life, but why prolong a life that has no hope at all.

We listen anew, To you is born this day . . .
We travel anew to the manger at Bethlehem.
We believe what God has done for us.

"O stricken world, look up and see;
The God who died upon a tree
Is born a laughing Babe again
To bring new hope to weary men.

"Here is a legend never old—
Neither the dark nor the bitter cold
Can stay his coming once a year
To heal the sick and cast out fear.

"Bring him your hunger, bring your thirst;
The blind and crippled shall be first;
The most dejected and forlorn
Shall lie upon his breast this morn."

Fear and anxiety be gone! Let sputniks fly, let men boast, we still know that Christ is wonderful God, Prince of peace. Therefore we say Merry Christmas and God bless you all!

The Trees and The Christmas Tree

By Lyle Paulsen, Condensed
from Christmas Chimes, 1955.

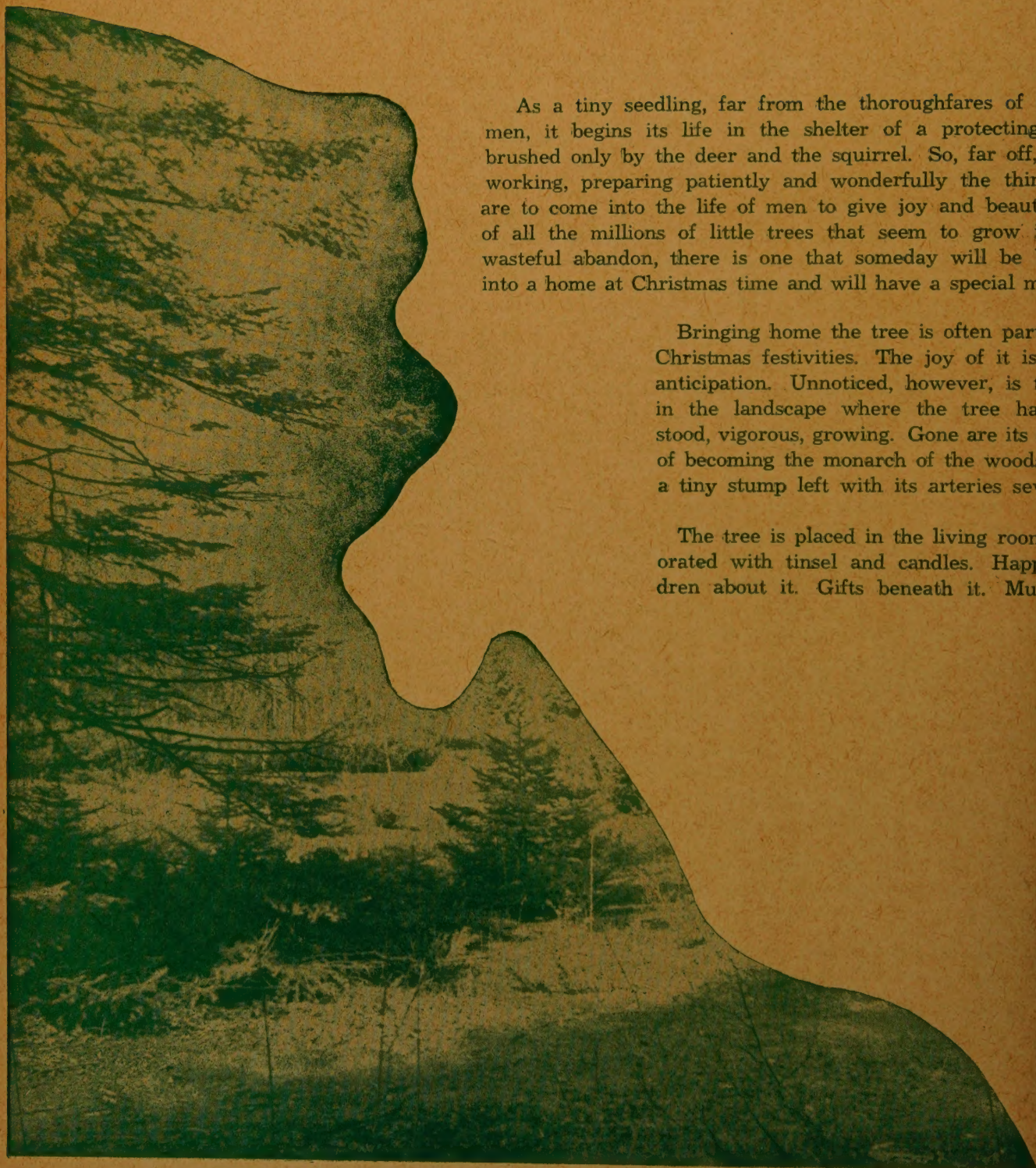
TO CALVARY

FROM BETHLEHEM

As a tiny seedling, far from the thoroughfares of hustling men, it begins its life in the shelter of a protecting forest, brushed only by the deer and the squirrel. So, far off, God is working, preparing patiently and wonderfully the things that are to come into the life of men to give joy and beauty. Of all the millions of little trees that seem to grow in a wasteful abandon, there is one that someday will be brought into a home at Christmas time and will have a special meaning.

Bringing home the tree is often part of the Christmas festivities. The joy of it is in the anticipation. Unnoticed, however, is the tree in the landscape where the tree had once stood, vigorous, growing. Gone are its chances of becoming the monarch of the woods. Only a tiny stump left with its arteries severed.

The tree is placed in the living room. Decorated with tinsel and candles. Happy children about it. Gifts beneath it. Music.



in the room. There it stands all through Christmas
ng joy and gladness to all who enter.

the Christmas also dies.

takes the forgotten last scene where the celebrated
s cast to the waste heap to complete the symbolism
Christmas tree. Thrown to the refuse pile, the story
es the one of tragedy without which nothing is ever
r true. All beauty requires sacrifice. All joy must
its price. The path that leads to Bethlehem continues
Calvary. Out of the manger was shaped a cross. But
ps the real tree is not the one left to burn or rot.
ps the real tree is that which was translated into the
hts and worship of people to whom it was a sacred
bl. For, once so incarnated into the souls of men, its
ecomes immortal.

Christmas tree thus becomes a symbol of the Christ
e birth it proclaims. To be a Christmas tree, it has
its life that others might have life. Standing in the
r of the living room or in the chancel of the church,
it remind of the Christ who gave himself to the world
for the world. May it say as well that no one has
at the Christmas spirit or truly believes in the birth
christ until he gives himself that the joy of others
be abundant.



God Has Spoken by His Son

"In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days He has spoken to us by His Son."

Heb. 1:11.

On that silent Christmas night something entirely new happened. Indeed it was so momentous that it cut human history in two and began a new era.

Yet our word here testifies to the fact that this "news" had been in the making back in eternity, had been voiced throughout history by the prophets of the old covenant, to be finally "in these last days" revealed in the joyous event of His birth.

Further, the words suggest the deep inter-relation between the old and the new covenant. The history of God's church stretches way back to the day that God chose Abraham and made him the father of the people in whose seed all the nations of the earth were to be blessed. It is rightly emphasized that the church can never deny its true solidarity with the old covenant and the Jewish people where it began. It is the same God Who speaks in the old covenant and in the new. There is fellowship between the old and new covenant—yet there is also a great difference.

In the old agreement, God sent word through others; now He comes Himself. Christ's voice has the true ring of the Heavenly Father. Christ

spoke with warmth, but also with authority that dismayed His enemies. About Him was the radiance of the God Who sent Him: "brightness of the Father's glory." The Christ Who was born into the human race that night showed throughout His life the Father's omnipotence in all that He did.

Now you see the difference. At Christmas we may be separated by long distances from one we love, yet in our thoughts meet and feel near. No doubt, though a letter from the loved one increases our happiness, it is best of all if he comes himself. In the old covenant there were promises and "letters" from God, but Christmas night He Himself came!

Therefore the message of Christmas has to do with the final reality and power of this world and the one to come. This message our frightened and frustrated generation needs to hear again. It is for us too; it is for "all the people" of all times. The final reality, our experts and technologists to the contrary notwithstanding, is not atomic bombs, guided missiles, or any other of the terrible and menacing powers of today. They have not become the supreme power. Therefore our chief concern should not be that of producing more and better scientists and deadly weapons. Once and for all we must decide as a nation and as a people by what we will live: by fear or by faith.

We know that Russia, now basking in the glory and prestige of her new-found weapon, boasts that the communist teachings of atheism were right all the time. "Here is proof that we can make our own world, our own sun and moons—there is no God." Let us not blindly accept these lies. Let these vain boastings be detected for what they are. "The supreme power with which we have to

By Bishop H. Høgsbro
Translated by B. J. Engskov



deal is the power that keeps the world in their course and, taking the place of servants, stoops to minister to the children of men."

The message of Christmas is a conclusion but is eternal truth. God Himself—God with us, Immanuel—Christ reconciling the world to Himself—God with us, Immanuel. May we gratefully comprehend never before, that God broke into this unworthy world not with man-made missiles of hate, but with an eternal message of forgiveness and peace through His own Son. May we have a personal direct meeting with Himself. To this intimate moving experience Christmas calls us. As is written. So may we believe.

"THE INN OF LIFE"

by John Oxenham

"No room for Thee,
Thou Man of Galilee!
The house is full,
Yea, overfull.
There is no room for Thee—
Pass on! Pass on!

Nay—see!
The place is packed.
We scarce have room
For our own selves,

So how shall we
Find room for Thee,
Thou Man of Galilee,—
Pass on! Pass on!

But—if Thou shouldst
This way again,
And we can find
So much as one small corner
Free from guest,

Not then in vain
Thy quest.
But now—
The house is full.
Pass on!"

Christ passes
On His ceaseless quest,
Nor will He rest
With any,
Save as chiefest Guest.

The Old, Old Story

By Anker Jensen

Mrs. Novella, her young son beside her, released the brake of her car with impatient alacrity and headed for her home, leaving behind the church where she had attended a meeting of the Sarah Circle. She had been bored by the meeting and it was good to get away. For some time it had seemed to Mrs. Novello that if the life of her church was characterized by a monotonous spirit of sameness. The same series of scripture texts were used year after year. The basic emphasis of the messages was always the same. The same institutions were in need of support. The same members seemed perennially to have the same aches and pains. Even the thought of preparing for the festive Christmas season failed to relieve her impression of monotony in the activities of her church. There would be the same battered decorations, the same trite programs.

To satisfy her yearning for something fresh and interesting, Mrs. Novello had lately delved into the teachings of various fascinating sects, exploring the occult, the secret, and the mysterious. How dull and prosaic the teachings of her church seemed in comparison with those of Rosicrucianism, Theosophy, Unity, Swedenborgianism, and other novel philosophies which beckoned to her with exciting enchantment. She was eager to get home and examine the mail for the latest batch of pamphlets and leaflets to come in response to her quest for new ideas. Like the Athenians at the Areopagus, she was content to spend her time in nothing else than to hear or expound some new thing.

Before going home, however, she had to stop at the market.

"We have to stop and get some groceries," she explained to Jimmie, her four-year-old boy, as she drew her car to a halt in the Market parking area.

"But I want to go home and watch the Mickey Mouse cartoons," objected Jimmie. "May I walk home?"

"Very well," said his mother. "But be careful when you cross the street."

Mrs. Novello proceeded with her shopping, dismissing from her mind the thought that Jimmie had never walked home alone before from this particular store. After all, he had walked home alone from other places in the neighborhood, and she would be home in a few minutes. However, she experienced some delay in find-

Mrs. Novello Learned a Lesson

ing some of the articles. Remarks were exchanged with some of her neighbors who were also shopping. At the check-out counter there was more delay, waiting in a long line.

When she reached home, the house was strangely silent. The familiar sound of the TV turned needlessly loud did not greet her ears. The familiar sight of Jimmie running to help her take the groceries out of the grocery box did not meet her eyes. She called loudly, "Jimmie, where are you?" There was no answer.

Quickly she drove back to the store, then up and down alternate routes between her home and the store, scanning the sidewalks for the familiar sight of her boy. He was not to be seen. There were other children, but she looked in vain for Jimmie's familiar blue jacket and carefree jaunt. It suddenly occurred to her that there are times when that which is familiar is more precious than anything else in all the world. She tried to pray, but a confusing welter of new and strange ideas disgorged themselves, stifling her communion with God. In her maze of new ideas, God had become a stranger.

With dismay, anguish, and fear she was about to call the police. Before she could do so, however, the telephone rang.

"This is Mrs. Prose," said a kindly voice. "I called to tell you that Jimmie is here at my home. I will bring him over to you right away. I saw him crying as he walked past my home, and when I talked to him, I discovered he was lost. He must have turned at the wrong corner when he was walking home. I recognized him because I had seen him at church, and I told him I would find his mother for him."

Joy and gratitude welled up in Mrs. Novello's heart as she went out on the porch to await the arrival of Jimmie and Mrs. Prose. A group of early Christmas carollers came up the street in the gathering dusk. She heard them singing,

"I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play . . ."

"Thank you, God, for the familiar carols," she prayed. "Thank you for the old, old story of your love. Thank you for being ever the same, yesterday, today, and forever. Help me never to despise that which is familiar."

Good Friday's Question on Christmas Eve

By Peter Gordon White



On the day he died, Jesus heard Pilate say, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

On the night Jesus was born, Joseph wondered the same thing. What would he do with the unborn but already named and consecrated child in Mary's womb?

From beginning to end, the question seems to have been, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

So let's ask it at the beginning. Let's put the question to ourselves before the cultic rites that have encrusted Christmas completely swamp us. In this season, often more holly than holy, what will *you* do with Jesus who is called Christ?

You can keep him as a case of retarded development. That's one thing you can do. You can see that he never grows up. You can keep him—in your mind—as the baby Jesus, the sweet little baby Jesus. Some people try that with their own children. With gentle acts and loving words they resist the object of their adoration becoming the subject of a very demanding personal relationship.

But our children grow up, just as this child of Mary and Joseph grew up. The child in the manger grew up and left home. He said things and did things that got him into trouble with people who had a drastic way of handling this kind of trouble.

That's another thing you can do with Jesus. You can say: "Go away and don't bother me!" The home town folk who heard him preach said just that, and threw him out of their synagogue.

But not many of us want to be counted with that crowd. We'd rather be among those who sense in Jesus someone who can help with life's problems, and we are not too proud to accept his help. There were once ten lepers who

did just that, and were cured. One of them returned with gratitude.

The question would be simpler if we could cut it short. "What shall we do with Jesus?" Why, we can locate him in time, date his birth by Cæsar Augustus and death by Pontius Pilate, and bury him with the rest of Roman history. Two thousand years is a mighty long time to remember the short life history of a man called Jesus. But if this man called Jesus is the Christ of God, to what a thousand years is as a watch in the night, what then? What shall we do with Jesus *called* Christ?

Perhaps, by the mercy of God, we shall receive Jesus Christ as the gift of reconciliation this Christmas. The gift which we cannot buy, cannot win, cannot merit—redemption and righteousness—are offered to us in Jesus who is called the Christ. He is grace and truth incarnate. He offers us a true understanding of ourselves, our neighbors and our God. He offers the grace that enables us to accept new truth.

The apostle Paul never knew a Christmas celebration such as we shall have this year. The date December 25 was not agreed upon until some 300 years after his time. It was not made much of for almost a thousand years after that. But Paul may have a helpful word about Christmas for those of us who are concerned about our personal answer to the pressing question, "What shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?"

Paul says, "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation . . . We beseech you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. Behold, now is the acceptable time; behold, now is the time of salvation."

—United Church Observer



The Incomparable Christ

He came from the bosom of the Father to the bosom of a woman. He put on humanity that we might put on divinity. He became Son of man that we might become sons of God. He came from heaven, where the rivers never freeze, winds never blow, frosts never chill the flowers never fade. They never telephone for a doctor, for there no one is ever sick. No undertakers no graveyards, for no one ever dies—no one is ever buried.

He was born contrary to the laws of nature, lived in poverty, reared in obscurity; only once crossed the boundary of the land, in childhood. He had no wealth or influence and had neither training nor education. His relatives were inconspicuous and uninfluential.

In infancy He startled a king; in boyhood He puzzled doctors; in manhood He ruled the course of nature. He walked upon the billows and hushed the sea to sleep. He healed the multitudes without medicine and demanded no charge for His services. He never wrote a book, yet not all the libraries of the country could hold the books that could be written about Him. He never wrote a song, yet He has furnished the theme of more songs than all song writers combined. He never founded a college, yet all the schools together cannot boast as many students as He has. He never practised medicine, and yet He healed more broken hearts than doctors have healed broken bodies.

He never marshalled an army, drafted a soldier, or owned a gun, yet no leader ever made more volunteers to have, under His orders, made rebels stack arms and surrender without a shot being fired.

He is the Star of astronomy, the Rock of geology, the Lion and the Lamb of zoology, the Harmonizer of discords and the Healer of all diseases. Great men come and gone, yet He lives on. Herod could not kill Him, Satan could not seduce Him, death could not destroy Him, the grave could not hold Him.

He laid aside His purple robe for a peasant's gown. He was rich, yet for our sake He became poor. How can we? Ask Mary! Ask the wise men! He slept in another's manger. He cruised the lake in another's boat. He rode on another's ass. He was buried in another's tomb. All failed but He never. The ever Perfect—He is the Chief among ten thousand. He is altogether lovely.

—Author Unknown



DANSK JUL

The annual Christmas Banquet sponsored by the Dana Home-Economics Club was held last Monday night in the college dining hall. The theme for the Danish-type banquet was "Dansk Jul." The menu was made up of Danish dishes. The featured speaker for the evening was Mr. Alfred Jorgensen of Denmark. Mr. Jorgensen is a member of the League of Justice of the Danish Parliament and a member of the Danish delegation to the United Nations. He has been in parliament for the past six years. "From Dana to Denmark" was the title of the long-to-be remembered speech he gave. Next week, if space allows, we will run excerpts from the speech.

VIKINGS WIN FIRST GAME

The Dana Vikings won their first basketball game of the season by a score of 62 to 53. Tarkio College of Missouri was the victim. The game started off on even terms but Dana slowly began pulling away in the second period. At the half, Dana was ahead 30 to 27. Bob Hannon, a freshman from Council Bluffs, Iowa, led the scoring with 15 points.

The game, played at Dana, was a non-conference game.

The faculty and students of Dana College wish you all

A Very

Merry Christmas



THE LUTHER LEAGUE

John W. Nielsen, Editor

Good News

By C. C. Jensen

"Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:10-11.

"I bring you good news." Good news is the very opposite of bad news. Bad news brings fear and frustration. Good news gives us hope and joy.

Good News Needed

This seems to be a day of bad news. The newspapers are full of bad news. The radio tells us of border violations and vast armies guarding national boundaries. It carries news about supersonic jet planes, guided missiles and earth satellites—all instruments of destruction. We are told that it is now within man's power to destroy human life upon the earth. This is bad news indeed.

Today we need better news than usually comes from the newspapers and the radio. The whole world needs Good News.

Have we such? Indeed, we have! Good News comes from God. The Gospel is God's Good News. A Savior is born, who is Christ the Lord. "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." John 1:14.

"That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked upon and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—the life was made manifest, and we saw it, and testify to it, and proclaim to you the eternal life which was with the Father and was made manifest to us." I John 1:1-2.

For Us Also

This is Good News; because I need someone able and willing to deal with my sin, my selfishness and my fears, my worries, my resentment and my bitterness, my desire for revenge and my hatred. And only the Good News of God is powerful enough to do this. "God so loved the world—" John 3:16.

TO THE U.E.L.C.

Dr. Larsen and the Church Council

Congregations of the U.E.L.C.

Dear Friends,

This letter is the result of the last Executive Board meeting of the Luther League held last month at Blair. There it was decided to send you a letter of thanks, expressing our appreciation for your wholehearted willingness to put the Synodical Luther League on the church budget.

To us, this was more than just a great lift in sharing the financial responsibilities of our youth program; it was an indication that our synod was conscious of the great importance of youth work and a strong synodical youth program.

Our Youth Director, Pastor George Robertson has done a fine job in initiating a vital synodical youth program that is also working in full harmony with the programs of the churches contemplating merger. This synodical assistance will do much to speed the work.

The district Luther Leagues in several instances have also shown their appreciation of synodical interest in the youth program by going "the second mile" themselves, for their conventions have voted the League several hundreds of dollars extra toward the budget.

We are grateful to you for your prayers, interest and cooperation by making the league an official church-budgeted responsibility. The fruit in increasing measure will be that our youth will know Christ.

In His Service,

Pastor LeRoy F. Andersen, President.

This is lifetime news. It is always fresh, enjoyable and stimulating. It puts a song into our hearts, a lift to our spirits, foresight to our eyes, insight into eternal truths, strength to our hands and speed to our feet. It puts life into our tongue so we may speak words of truth and life with our friends and neighbors and gives a new tone to our life.

To Our Advantage

In the upper room, when Jesus told His disciples He was going away, they became disturbed and sorrowful. But Jesus comforted them by saying: "I

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TO ALL LUTHER LEAGUERS
AND YOUNG ADULTS

TO PASTORS, PARENTS, AND COUNSELORS

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AND A SPIRIT FILLED NEW YEAR!

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u a truth: it is to your advantage that I go away,
if I do not go away, the Comforter will not come
you; but if I go away, I will send him to you." John
7. The Comforter is the Holy Spirit. He is equal
th the Father and the Son. He is God. He lives in
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God and that the Holy Spirit dwells in you?" asks
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ay and He prays for us. He bears witness of Jesus.
e guides us in what we are to say and do. Nothing
n be closer. Jesus in my heart!

May I call to your attention one of the most wonder-
and precious stories told by Jesus. You remember
e one about the vine and the branches. The branches
e one with the vine. The sap that flows in the stem
o flows in the branches. This gives them nourish-
nt. And have you ever stopped to consider what
s nourishment is? It is love—God's self-sacrificial
e. God so loved that He gave His Son. Nothing less
uld do. Nothing more could be given. Here is final-
Marvelous, boundless, eternal love. Kneel at the
ss and see the One given for me. Then take time
listen! Jesus speaks, saying: "FATHER, FORGIVE
M"—ME.

—Taken from The Lutheran Orient Mission

LUTHER LEAGUE RALLIES

Polk County—

The Luther Leagues of Milltown, Cushing, North Luck, and Luck, Wisconsin, enjoyed a Circuit Rally Banquet at Cushing on Sunday evening, November 24th. A banquet committee, consisting of two ladies from each congregation, served a delicious meal.

Missionary Paul Johnsen was on hand to give the leaguers a powerful missionary address. Kurt Petersen, Cushing, was Toastmaster; he also extended the welcome to the visiting leaguers. A singspiration was led by Bonnie Sorensen, North Luck; Scripture and Prayer was offered by Gail Johnston, Milltown, after which Judy Jacobsen, North Luck, sang a solo.

An offering was received for the Minnesota District Luther League. The program closed with a piano solo by Geneva Hansen, Luck, and an anthem by the Luck Youth Choir. The benediction was prayed in unison.

North Dakota- Montana:

Leaguers from North Dakota and Montana gathered at Bowbells on November 17 for their fall rally. The Reverend Oscar Ice, Student Pastor and Lutheran Student Foundation representative, spoke to the group on "The Frontier In Your Own Home Town." Judy Johnson, District Secretary, gave a short talk on "Let's Get Acquainted With Chimes." A Chimes contest is being sponsored by the District with a plaque going to the league selling the most.

Following the program there was a song fest and recreation, after which supper was served by the Ladies Aid of Bethlehem Lutheran.

In the evening a film, "Bible on the Table," was shown. The rally closed with a filmstrip and brief message on "Campus Christian Frontiers" by Pastor Ice.

IS JESUS FORGOTTEN?

By Gertrude Hanson

Is your guest chamber ready
For God's earth-sent Son—
Or is there this Christmas
So much to be done
That HE is forgotten?

Is your guest chamber ready
Or is dust thick between
Your wholesome intentions?
Has your Christmas routine
Left God's Son forgotten?

Is your heart-chamber ready?
Can you hear HIM approaching,
Through excitement and din
Will you let HIM in—
Or is Jesus forgotten?

BY THE FIRESIDE

THE LITTLE WHITE THING

Come worship the King,
That Little White Thing,
Asleep on His Mother's soft breast.
Ye bright stars, bow down,
Weave for Him a crown,
Christ Jesus by angels confessed.

Come, children and peep,
But hush ye, and creep
On tiptoe to where the Babe lies;
Then whisper His name
And lo! Like a flame
The Glory light shines in His eyes.

Come, strong men, and see
This high mystery,
Tread firm where the shepherds have
trod,
And watch, 'mid the hair
Of the Maiden so fair,
The Five Little Fingers of God.

Come, old men and grey
The star leads the way,
It halts, and your wanderings cease;
Look down on His Face,
Then filled with His Grace,
Depart ye, God's servants, in Peace.
—Studdert Kennedy

CHRISTIANS ARE TOO POLITE

In the first three centuries there was a clear distinction in the mind of the Church between Christian truth and pagan falsehood. When you became a Christian you passed from darkness to light, from error to truth. The worship of the gods of Greece and Rome was heathen idolatry, and the Christian Church said so in vigorous and aggressive language. Listen to a third century Bishop of Carthage speaking at a time of severe persecution:

I am a Christian. No need to wring the confession by torture. I avow it. Your gods? I do destroy them—not in remote and secret places, but openly, publicly, in the very market place where your magistrates and governors can hear . . . By declaring myself a Christian in a crowded place with people standing round, I am confounding both you and your gods by a straightforward and public announcement.

Why give your attention to the weakness of a Christian's body? Assail the vigour of his soul! Break his strength of mind! Destroy his faith! Subdue him by reasoning, if you can! Or if your gods have anything of divinity or power let them arise for their own vengeance.

There were two results of that outspoken and aggressive language in the early church: (1) They suffered

severe and almost constant persecution, and (2) they made a great many converts.

The early preachers in Ceylon also were typically forthright. One of them broadcast a challenge to "all the kapuralas, witch-doctors and priests in the island" to meet him in Galle, Colombo or Kandy and publicly put a charm upon him, and when they saw the Buddhist going to the temple they spoke about "the heathen in his blindness" who "bows down to wood and stone." We wouldn't dream of saying things like that today. One wonders why? Is it because we now think that they are not so blind after all? Or is it because they don't like being told so?

We are probably more polite than any generation of evangelists have ever been. We are so polite that we never get persecuted, and we practically never make any converts. Sometimes we are so polite that people must find it difficult to know what we believe. The Buddhist World is much more forthright. So is the Bible.

—Condensed from the Ceylon
Christian News Bulletin

CHRIST IN YOU

Though Christ a thousand times
Bethlehem be born,
If He's not born in thee, thy soul
all forlorn.
God's spirit falls on me as dew
on a rose;
If I, but like a rose, my heart to
unclose.
Could but thy soul, oh man, become
a silent night.
God would be born in thee and
all things aright.
In all eternity no love can be
sweet,
As where man's heart with God
unison doth beat.
Ah! Would the heart be but a man
for the birth,
God would once more become a child
on earth.
Immeasurable is the Highest: who
knows it;
And yet a human heart can perfectly
enclose it.
I must be Mary, bearing God within
my breast,
Ere He can count my soul among
spirits of the blest.

—John Scheffler (Angelus
Silesius) 17th Century



"Reverner, the kiddies were so cute reciting their sweet little prayers. I always say, 'If I can get to see the children at your church in their Christmas tree program, that sure makes up for the other times I don't get to Church.'"

NEWS AND NOTES

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INTERESTING STATISTICS

Wood, California: — St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Each year St. Paul's has a "Loyalty Month" in which they see what percentage of members are "loyal." The figures are quite enlightening. They at least show one from feeling that there is no work to be done among the members themselves. Church attendance for the four Sundays: 800-893-1888.

families, or portions of families, at church:

- 157 present all 4 Sundays
- 115 present 3 Sundays
- 91 present 2 Sundays
- 71 present 1 Sunday
- 103 not present during month

A breakdown of the attendance on the last Sunday is interesting. One of the impressive figures of the Sunday is to see the number of teenagers at church. Of the 888 present 171 were teenagers. This does not include any under 13 or over 19. It looks like a lot of them do better than their parents. Of the teenagers 31 were list-as visitors. In addition to this there were 15 first-time visitors (which usually runs in the twenties), children and 64 adult frequent visit-making a total of 119 visitors for Sunday.

Dansk Nytaar, 1958 — 180 pages, hard cover, with illustration of Hans Christian Andersen and the children in Central Park, New York City. Well illustrated. Edited by Dr. Paul C. Olm. Price \$1.

This volume must be just about the most varied and comprehensive collection of essays, stories, sketches, poetry and prose in the Danish language found anywhere in the world. Nyholm has put his excellent editorialship into full use. He has made it an annual for Danish immigrants and descendants, but all who understand Danish are going to read it.

Looking at the page listing the names, we meet familiar names and interesting subjects. The volume includes interesting information about Danes in America and Canada.

Dansk Nytaar includes among its many contributions an interview between Editor Nyholm and Baroness Dahlerup, and another between Editor and Mr. August L. Bang, lawyer, editor, poet. It was good to see the picture of our genial former ambassador from Denmark, Henrik Hoffman, recently retired from the diplomatic service. The Ambassador's

greeting and the account of his visit to Askov, Minnesota, are welcome remembrances at his time of retirement. Editor P. C. Jensen of **Luthersk Ugeblad** has prepared an interesting sketch of our beloved churchman and former President of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pastor G. B. Christiansen.

Anyone who can read Danish should get **Dansk Nytaar**. One thing is sure, it will be kept for future reference.

Lawrence Siersbeck

CHRISTMAS PRAISE

Accept my gold, the rich man said,
As he laid his gift by the manger bed.
I give my heart, the poor one cried,
Kneeling in awe by the Baby's side.
So let us this Christmas bring our praise

Wrought by the work of our common days,

To Jesus—the One who walks our ways.

—M. O. Barter Snow

NO ROOM?

No room for the baby at Bethlehem's inn,

Only a cattle shed.

No room on this earth for the dear Son of God,

Nowhere to lay His head.

Only a cross did they give to our Lord,

Only a borrowed tomb;

Today He is seeking a place in your heart:

Will you still say to Him, "No room?"

—Hilda Jarvis

HOLY CHILD

O Holy Child, our hearts we raise
In Christmas adoration;

On this the happiest of days,

Thy lowly Incarnation.

We sing of love to earth come down,

To build a heavenly kingdom,

And fill all men in every clime

With peace and joy and wisdom.

We seek again Thy perfect love

To guide and heal and strengthen,

To fill our hearts with holy joy,

And mend the world's dissension.

Thy love shall spread from shore to shore,

And prosper ev'ry nation,

And brotherhood shall banish war

And evil's domination.

Before Thy manger throne we bend,

Our humble prayer presenting,

On us Thy richest blessing pour,

To seal Thy love's perfecting,

From Thee, our souls and bodies, Lord,

Naught on this earth shall sever;

Eternal Christ, abide in us,

For ever and for ever.

—John Maillard

A CANDLE FOR THE CHILD

CANDLELIGHT, candlelight,
Brightly burn, this Christmas night.
Once upon a time, a star
Was more radiant than you are,
As God's gift will always dim
All-that we may lift to him.
Even so, you are the sign
His love is answered, now, by mine;
As His love will always spark
Light to blossom in the dark.
So to the star He gave His Son,
Lift up your light, small worldly one;
And for the symbol that you are
The Child will love you, little star.

—Ellis Atkisson McDonald

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|--|--|----------------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------|
| (4) Home Mission, | (5) Indian Mission, | (6) Pension Fund. | | | | |
| **Extra-Synodical Comprises: | (F) Foreign Mission (where most needed), | (So.) South America, | | | | |
| (Ja.) Japan, | (Sa.) Santal, | (Su.) Sudan, | (J) Jewish, | (Ch.) China. | | |
| Budget | | | | TOTAL | Synodical* | Extra-Synodical** |
| Previously acknowledged—Dec. 7, 1957 | | | | 216836.01 | 379216.04 | 65260.00 |
| Salmonhurst, N. B., Canada, Rev. and Mrs. Fred V. Jensen, in memory of Mr. Clarence R. Nelson, Creighton, Nebr., and Mrs. Cyrus Hill, Milton, Pa., credit to St. Peter's Church for Dana College Fund | | | | 5.00 | 5.00 | 47089 |
| San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church, Funds from memorial in name of J. Roscoe Jensen | | | | 129.00 | (F) | 129.00 |
| San Francisco, Calif., Remittance by Mrs. J. Roscoe Jensen from Fellowship League of Ansgar Church, in memory of J. Roscoe Jensen | | | | 25.00 | (F) | 25.00 |
| San Francisco, Calif., Ansgar Luth. Church, from friends of the late Roscoe Jensen | | | | 34.00 | (F) | 34.00 |
| Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church | | | | 206.31 | 73.31 | 133 |
| Caruthers, Calif., Our Savior's Luth. Church, from Mrs. Christiane Hammond | | | | 5.00 | | 5 |
| Fresno, Calif., Bethel Ev. Luth. Church | | | | 230.88 | | 280 |
| Oakland, Calif., Miss Marie Petersen, in memory of Roscoe Jensen | | | | 5.00 | (F) | 5.00 |
| Reedley, Calif., Mr. and Mrs. Marius Hansen and Mathea Hansen to be used toward training of our Evangelist in Sudan | | | | 100.00 | Su. | 100.00 |
| Selma, Calif., Pella Luth. S. S. for Home Mission | | | | 39.38 | 39.38 | |
| Brush, Colo., First Eng. Luth. Church, from WMS for Synod. Quota | | | | 225.00 | 225.00 | |
| Denver, Colo., Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Nance for School Fund, in memory of parents: Rev. and Mrs. H. W. Bondo and Rev. and Mrs. Horace Nance | | | | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| Denver, Colo., Christ the King Church | | | | 116.00 | 116.00 | |
| Mendota, Ill., Miss Esther Andersen, in memory of Mrs. Arthur Rehn of Kirkland, Ill., credit to quota of Emmaus Church, McNabb, Ill., for Dana College Fund | | | | 2.00 | 2.00 | |
| Elk Horn, Ia., Rev. and Mrs. Henry N. Hansen | | | | 15.00 | (F) | 15.00 |
| Harlan, Ia., Jacksonville S. S. | | | | 36.75 | Su. | 17.57 |
| Kimballton, Ia., Bethany Church, from Thanksgiving offering for Pension Fund | | | | 100.75 | 100.75 | 19 |
| Hamlin, Ia., Hamlin Danish Ladies Aid, \$10 each for Japan, Sudan and So. America Missions; \$5 for Santal Mission | | | | 35.00 | | 35.00 |
| Oyens, Ia., Gethsemane Luth. Church, Dorcas Ladies Aid | | | | 25.00 | | 25 |
| Ringsted, Ia., Rev. C. E. Nielsen and Anna C. Nielsen, \$10 to each of following Missions: Home, Jewish, Sudan, So. America, Santal, credit to St. Paul's Church, Ringsted | | | | 50.00 | 10.00 | 40.00 |
| Rolfe, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church | | | | 233.00 | 233.00 | |
| Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Church | | | | 600.00 | 600.00 | |
| Atlantic, Ia., St. Paul's Luth. Ladies Aid, for LWA \$25, Children's Homes \$50 | | | | 75.00 | 50.00 | 25 |
| West Branch, Ia., Remitted by Carrie Morrison, in memory of Nels Peder Olsen, from Messrs. and Mmes. Alfred Pedersen \$2, Hans Petersen \$5, Adolph Miller \$2, Chris Paulsen \$2, Carl Christensen \$1, Henry Johnson \$1, Andres Pedersen \$1, Ullmer Jensen \$1, Geo. Jensen \$1, Wilfred Jensen \$1, Walter Paulsen \$2, Mrs. Esther Wiesman \$1, Mrs. Carrie Morrison \$1, Mrs. Lissa Sondegard \$1, Mrs. Lena Jensen \$2 (total of \$24 for Home Mission); in memory of Nels Peder Olsen from Messrs. and Mmes. Cleo Pedersen \$1, Nels Rasmussen \$1, Herman Christensen \$1, Chris Christensen \$1, Les Dudley \$1, Jim Thompson \$1, Donald Thompson \$1, Elmer Larson \$1, Signor Larson \$1, Mr. Siverin Petersen \$1, Mr. Arthur Jensen \$3 (total of \$13 for Pension Fund) | | | | 37.00 | 37.00 | |
| Spencer, Iowa, Women of Bethany Luth. Church for Church Budget \$500, Children's Home at Oaks, \$25 | | | | 525.00 | 525.00 | |
| Boston, Mass., Bethany Ev. Luth. Church, in memory of Mr. Julius Jensen of Nashua, N. H., from: Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Rasmussen of Needham, \$5, Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Hansen \$3 | | | | 8.00 | Ja. | 8.00 |
| The Acasia Club, for Pension Fund | | | | 5.00 | 5.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engdahl of Needham, for Santal | | | | 5.00 | Sa. | 5.00 |
| In memory of Mrs. Ane Rasmussen of Needham, from: Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engdahl of Needham \$10, Miss Lillian Christiansen and Mr. Peter Christiansen \$10, Bethany Ladies Aid \$5, Miss Thora Madsen and Mrs. Julie Madsen \$2, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Engdahl, Jr., and Roger Engdahl \$5 | | | | 32.00 | Sa. | 32.00 |
| Messrs. and Mmes. Robert Hansen \$2, Alfred Hansen \$3, Arthur Rasmussen \$5, Arvid Anderson of Worcester \$5, Raymond Larsen of St. Cloud, Minn., \$5, Rev. and Mrs. Paul G. Rasmussen of Neenah, Wis., \$10, The Acasia Club \$5 | | | | 35.00 | Ja. | 35.00 |
| Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Nelson of St. Cloud, Minn., for Home Mission | | | | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Amandeas Anderson of Lexington, Mass., \$5, Miss Eleanor Rasmussen of Milton \$5, Miss Esther Sorensen \$10 | | | | 20.00 | So. | 20.00 |
| Miss Anna Eriksen of Denmark, Eur., \$5, Misses Lillian and Anna Breen and Mr. and Mrs. Waldemar Clausen \$10, for Pension Fund | | | | 15.00 | 15.00 | |
| Mr. and Mrs. Deering Roberts of Needham, for Ebenezer Home, Brush, Colo., \$5 | | | | | | |
| In mem. of Mrs. Anna Olsen of Calif., from Mrs. Julie Madsen and Miss Thora Madsen | | | | 2.00 | So. | 2.00 |
| In memory of Mrs. Edith Dettmar, Jamaica Plain, Mass., from Mr. Hugo Dettmar, for Miss Margaret Nissen's Unit, Sudan Mission | | | | 10.00 | Su. | 10.00 |
| To apply on Synodical Quota (\$54.60 of this amount was a special collection taken on 50th anniversary of the church building) | | | | 139.41 | 139.41 | |
| Sidney, Mich., Immanuel Luth. Church, for Sudan Mission \$14, Mission (Home) Fund \$7, Pension Fund \$7.15; in memory of Chris Petersen, for Children's Homes, from Children of Andres Lamb, Sr., \$5; in memory of father, Andrew Lamb, Sr., for Foreign Mission, from Children of Andrew Lamb, Sr., \$5 | | | | 38.15 | 19.15 | 19.00 |
| Trufant, Mich., St. Thomas Luth. Church | | | | 15.23 | Su. | 15.23 |
| Lakeville, Minn., Mr. and Mrs. Peter Miller, in mem. of Sophos Hansen of Springfield, Minn. | | | | 3.00 | 3.00 | |
| Sleepy Eye, Minn., Kirstine Knudsen for Indian Miss. for Christmas Tree for the Children | | | | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| Bloomington, Minn., Trinity Luth. Church | | | | 97.00 | 7.00 | 80 |
| Owatonna, Minn., Our Saviour's Luth. Church, given by the Women of the Church | | | | 200.00 | 200.00 | |
| Northfield, Minn., St. Peter's Luth. Ladies Aid, in memory of Mrs. Ralph Robinson's father | | | | 3.00 | 3.00 | |
| Farmington, Minn., Farmington Ev. Luth. Church | | | | 225.00 | | 225 |
| Morgan, Minn., Bethany Luth. Church, Thanksgiving offering for Pension Fund \$40.48, Syn. Quota \$69.52 | | | | 110.00 | 110.00 | |
| McCabe, Mont., Ebenezer Luth. Church | | | | 94.00 | 94.00 | |
| Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Ladies Aid | | | | 20.00 | (F) | 20.00 |
| Sidney, Mont., Pella Luth. Church, for Home Missions \$65, Indian Mission, Oaks \$20, Pension Fund \$20, School Fund \$25, General Fund \$25, L.W.A. \$50 | | | | 205.00 | 155.00 | 50 |
| Ord, Nebr., Bethany Luth. Church, in mem. of Donald Dean Christensen, for Children's Homes | | | | 2.00 | 2.00 | |
| Omaha, Nebr., Pella Ev. Luth. Church, Thanksgiving offering for Mission service | | | | 43.29 | 43.29 | |
| Mason City, Nebr., Zion Luth. Church, Thanksgiving offering | | | | 19.20 | 19.20 | |
| Dannebrog, Nebr., Dry Creek Luth. Church | | | | 66.24 | | 66 |
| Minden, Nebr., Fredericksburg Luth. Church | | | | 473.44 | 473.44 | |
| Flaxton, N. Dak., United Luth. Church, from Soren Christensen, Albuquerque, N. Mex., for: Sudan Mission \$100, Japan Mission \$100, So. America Mission \$100, Synod. Quota \$100, Santal Mission \$50, Home Mission \$25, Pension Fund \$25 | | | | 500.00 | 150.00 | 350.00 |
| Norma, N. Dak., Zion Luth. Ladies Aid, for Children's Homes | | | | 20.00 | 20.00 | |
| Also, to Luth. Home for the Aged, Edmore, Mich., \$10, Good Shepherd Luth. Old People's Home, Blair, Nebr., \$10; Bethany Old People's Home, Minden, Nebr., \$10; and Bethany Home, Waupaca, Wis., \$10 (Total of \$40 to Old People's Homes) | | | | | | |
| Kenmare, N. Dak., From Agnete Thorndal, Trinity Church, \$5 each for Home Mission, General Fund, So. America, Japan Missions, and LWA | | | | 25.00 | 10.00 | 10.00 |
| Westby, Mont., Daneville Luth. Church for Pension Fund | | | | 8.55 | 8.55 | |
| Kenmare, N. Dak., Mrs. L. Larsen, Trinity Luth. Church | | | | 180.00 | 120.00 | (F) 50.00 |
| Eugene, Ore., Bethesda Luth. Ladies Aid, \$10 each for following Missions: So. America, Japan, Santal, Sudan, Jewish | | | | 50.00 | | 50.00 |
| Portland, Ore., Mrs. Ansgar Hjortsvang and Kenneth to Home Missions in memory of brother and uncle, Oluf Jensen | | | | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| Vermillion, S. Dak., Peter C. Nelson, for: \$10 each to Children's Homes, Home Mission, Pension Fund, Santal, Indian Mission, Japan, Sudan, LWA and \$20 for School Fund | | | | 100.00 | 60.00 | 30.00 |
| Beresford, S. Dak., St. Paul Luth. Church (Rockfield) | | | | 35.00 | | 35 |
| Portland, Ore., Agnes Hjortsvang for Pension Fund, in memory of brother, Oluf Jensen | | | | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| Portland, Ore., Mr. and Mrs. Herman A. West in memory of the late Oluf Jensen | | | | 5.00 | 5.00 | |
| Waupaca, Wis., Trinity Luth. Ladies Aid for Oaks Indian Mission | | | | 10.00 | 10.00 | |
| Kenosha, Wis., Danish Sisterhood of America for Children's Homes, remitted by Olga M. Christensen | | | | 7.00 | 7.00 | |
| Green Bay, Wis., Bethel Ev. Luth. Church | | | | 143.58 | 143.58 | |
| Brooklyn, Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church Women, Christmas gift for Children's Homes | | | | 25.00 | 25.00 | |
| Milwaukee, Wis., Kingo Ev. Luth. Church | | | | 250.00 | 250.00 | |

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| Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Hansen for Children's Homes | 20.00 | 20.00 | | |
| Wis., Trinity Luth. S. S. for: Foreign Mission \$3.53, Synod. School Fund as a memorial for the father of Mrs. Walter Jorgensen \$5, LWA \$57.05 | 65.58 | 5.00 | (F) | 3.53 57.05 |
| Calif., Bethany Luth. Church | 200.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Calif., Pella Luth. Ladies Aid, for: Santal Mission \$15, So. Amer. Mission \$10 | 25.00 | | | 25.00 |
| Calif., Pella Ev. Luth. Church | 350.00 | 350.00 | | |
| Colo., Altura Luth. Church, Synod. Quota \$65; from Maynard C. Rasmussen for A \$20, Santal Mission \$5; from S. Kirkegaard for LWA \$25 | 115.00 | 65.00 | 5.00 | 45.00 |
| Id., Mr. and Mrs. Jens P. Johnson, in memory of their daughter, Ruby F. Johnson | 5.00 | 5.00 | | |
| Westbrook, Me., for Children's Homes | 6.86 | | Sa. | 6.86 |
| Id., St. Paul's Luth. S. S. | 100.00 | | Sa. | 100.00 |
| Bluffs, Ia., Our Saviour's Luth. S. S. for Ruel Murmer, Santal Mission | 10.00 | | (F) | 10.00 |
| Id., Mrs. Anders Hansen, in memory of loved ones | | | | |
| Id., Elk Horn Luth. Church, gifts as follows: Miss Anna Lange for Parkijuli (Santal) in memory of Aunt Ida Nielsen, Fresno, Calif., \$10; Mr. and Mrs. John Seila for Missions where most needed \$5 (Foreign Mission) | 15.00 | | | 15.00 |
| Id., Danish Luth. Ladies Aid, for: Elim Children's Home, Elk Horn, \$25; \$15 each to So. America, Japan, and Santal Missions | 85.00 | 25.00 | 60.00 | |
| Id., Rev. and Mrs. H. P. K. Hansen and Mrs. H. W. Poston, in memory of GolRobertson, for Elk Horn Children's Home | 6.00 | 6.00 | | |
| Id., Bethlehem Luth. Church | 250.00 | | | 250.00 |
| Id., Shelby Luth. S. S. | 100.00 | 33.34 | 33.33 | 33.33 |
| Id., Our Saviour's Luth. Church, Dorcas Society, \$10 each for Home Mission, Children's Homes, Oaks Home | 30.00 | 30.00 | | |
| Id., Ellen Romer, member of Our Saviour's | 50.00 | | Ja. | 50.00 |
| Id., First Luth. Church | 200.00 | 200.00 | | |
| Id., Mass., Else and Reznard E. Jensen, in memory of Mrs. Anne Rasmussen of Boston | 5.00 | | Sa. | 5.00 |
| Id., Northwest Trinity Luth. S. S., money from Birthday Bank and general fund S. S., for support of Mr. Hopna Tudu, a student at Santal Divinity School | 80.00 | | Sa. | 80.00 |
| Id., Mont., In memory of Chester Hansen, from Mr. and Mrs. Tony Hundtoft \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Sofus Petersen \$2; Mr. and Mrs. P. Olson and Leelon, Belgrade, Minn., and Missrtle Olson, Ah-Gwak-Ching, Minn., \$5; Mr. and Mrs. Martin Olson, Kenmare, N. D., Martin H. Iversen \$5 | 18.00 | | Su. | 18.00 |
| Id., Synodical Women's Missionary Society Treasurer: | | | | |
| CIFIC DISTRICT WMS: | | | | |
| Id., Vet Luth. Women of the Church, Inglewood, Calif., \$50 each for Sudan, So. America, Santal and Japan Missions (\$200); Oaks Mission, Children's Homes, \$35 and Children's Home, Elk Horn \$35 (\$70) | 270.00 | 70.00 | 200.00 | |
| INOIS DISTRICT WMS: | | | | |
| Id., Paul's WMS, Greenville, Mich., for Japan Mission \$20, So. America Mission \$25 | 45.00 | | 45.00 | |
| VA DISTRICT WMS: | | | | |
| Id., Beck Ladies Aid, Elk Horn Luth. Church, for: \$15 each to So. America, Santal, Sudan and Japan Mission (\$60.); Home Missions \$30, School Fund \$20, Children's Homes \$40, Oaks Mission \$10 (\$100) LWA \$20 | 180.00 | 100.00 | 60.00 | 20.00 |
| Id., Bethlehem Ladies Aid, Royal, for: \$25 each to Japan, Sudan, Santal, So. America Miss. Sareth Church Women, Cedar Falls, for: School Fund \$100, Home Missions \$200, Home Missions (Utah) \$25, Oaks Mission \$25, Santal Bible Women \$25, Jewish Mission \$10, Japan \$59, So. America \$59, Santal \$59, Sudan \$59, Pension Fund \$59, Elim Children's Home \$55; in honor of Anna B. Madsen, for China Mission \$10 (Also, for Ebenezer Home, \$25) | 745.00 | 464.00 | 281.00 | |
| Id., land, Iowa, in memory of John M. Pedersen, from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wilcox, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Skow, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Coltvet, for Home Missions | 4.00 | 4.00 | | |
| Id., ish Ladies Aid, Elk Horn, for: Home Missions \$20, Home Missions (Utah) \$5, Oaks Mission \$15, School Fund \$15, Pension Fund \$15 (\$70.00); So. America \$15, Santal \$15, Sudan \$15, Japan \$15, Parkijuli, Santal \$15, Helen Danielson's salary, So. Am. \$10 (\$85); LWA \$15 | 170.00 | 70.00 | 85.00 | 15.00 |
| Id., N. Dak., Zion Luth. Church for Pension Fund | 45.00 | 45.00 | | |
| Id., Minn., Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Jacobsen, members of St. Matthew's Church of Evan, for: Children's Home, Elk Horn, \$5; Cherokee Indian Mission, Oaks, Okla., \$5; Santal Mission, Leper Colony \$5. (Also \$5 each for Bethany Children's Home, Waupaca, Wis., Ezer, Elevator Fund, Brush, Colo., Salem Luth. Old People's Home, Elk Horn, Ia., many Old People's Home, Minden, Nebr., The Lutheran Home for the Aged, Edmore, Ia., for total of \$25) | 15.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | |
| Id., Minn., St. Peter's Luth. L. Aid, in memory of Mr. Hans Jensen, for Home Miss. son, Minn., in memory of mother and grandmother, Mrs. Nels Lund of Mohall, N. D., n: Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sorenson | 5.00 | | Su. | 5.00 |
| Id., ry Ann, Larry and Linda Sorenson | 5.00 | | So. | 5.00 |
| Id., Friend for Home Mission | 1.00 | 1.00 | | |
| Id., Mont., Mrs. Andrew Lund | 2.00 | | (J.) | 2.00 |
| Id., urst, Nebr., Our Saviour's Luth. S. S. for Children's Homes | 15.00 | 15.00 | | |
| Id., og, Nebr., English Luth. S. S., Mission bank money for Japan | 26.00 | | Ja. | 26.00 |
| Id., og, Nebr., Dry Creek Luth. Church, for Pension Fund | 11.65 | 11.65 | | |
| Id., Nebr., Remitted by Rev. Immanuel Petersen, from: A member of Ebenezer Luth. ch for Children's Homes \$5; Mrs. Dorothea Jacobsen, of Bethany Luth. Church of kin, Home Missions \$5 and Foreign Missions \$5 | 15.00 | 10.00 | 5.00 | |
| Id., N. Dak., United Luth. Church, check of Sylvan Anderson, to apply on Synod. Quo- for Children's Homes and Home Mission | 500.00 | 500.00 | | |
| Id., N. Dak., United Luth. Church, in memory of Mrs. Herman Swanson, from Reuben son \$2, Un. Luth. Church \$10, Alfred Larson \$2, Enock Christensen \$3, Paul Larson for Pension Fund \$19; in memory of Mrs. Herman Swanson, from Holger Schultz, for Mission \$2; Un. Luth. L. A., in mem. of Clifford Warke, for Home Mission \$3. | 24.00 | 24.00 | | |
| Id., d, S. Dak., North Circle of Nazareth Luth. Church | 185.00 | 175.00 | Su. | 10.00 |
| Id., City, Utah, Tabor Luth. Church for: Synod. Quota \$100; LWA, from Mrs. Fera- Tabor, \$10; LWA, from Mr. Alb. Backman, Seattle \$10 | 120.00 | 100.00 | | 20.00 |
| Id., Wis., Brooklyn Luth. Church, Foreign Missions of Synod (offering received Dec. when Helen M. Jacobsen was speaker | 69.58 | | | 69.58 |
| Id., ee, Wis., Galilee Luth. Church | 43.10 | | (F) | 43.10 |
| Id., a, Wis., Trinity Ev. Luth. Church | 500.00 | 500.00 | | |
| | 596.13 | | | 596.13 |
| TOTALS | 228483.07 | 125786.39 | 66387.82 | 36308.86 |

with thanks.

Blair, Nebraska, December 14, 1957.

P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.

CASE NOTE: In acknowledgments in November 25, 1957, issue of Ansgar Lutheran, Rev. C. E. Nielsen's name should have appeared in honor of \$50.00 through the St. Paul's Luth. Church of Ringsted, Iowa.

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P. V. Hansen, Treasurer.

FOREIGN MISSIONS

| | Budget | Received |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| Foreign Mission (Where most needed) | | \$12,557.98 |
| South America | \$16,480.00 | 11,689.89 |
| Japan | 23,780.00 | 13,477.95 |
| Santal | 8,000.00 | 7,942.49 |
| Sudan | 17,000.00 | 18,880.79 |
| Jewish | | 1,450.35 |
| China | | 388.37 |
| | \$65,260.00 | \$66,387.82 |

As of Dec. 15, 1957.

To Those We Serve

A Joyous Christmas

and

A Good New Year



When the bells ring and the lights shine during the holiday season, may we all be reminded of the "Word that was God" that came to earth to bring life and light and joy to mankind.

And may we all with childlike faith truly share in these heavenly gifts! Then we may—even in a troubled world—possess the peace that "passeth understanding."

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